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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 19th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Viet Nam

   Bangladesh

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Hungary

   Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Syrian Arab Republic

   Malawi

   Cuba

(continued overleaf)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

3 p.m.	20th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Belize

Antigua and Barbuda

Algeria

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Haiti

Afghanistan

Benin

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]:

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi (A/51/905, A/51/ 803 and A/52/380)

Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/ 907, A/50/985, A/51/957 and A/52/407*)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi (A/51/905, A/51/803 and A/52/380); and Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/907, A/50/985, A/51/957 and A/52/407*))

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* To be issued.

** Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers [1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [2] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1, E/CN.17/IFF/1997/3)
3. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

Continuation of general discussion

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Informal consultation

The informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission *today*, 1 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The consultation will begin consideration of the plans for the forty-second session of the Commission.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 1 October 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP:

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE ASIAN GUIDELINES ON CANDIDATURES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

(Informal Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefings

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief the Group of Asian States *today*, 1 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief non-governmental organizations *today*, 1 October 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Secretariat and agency staff are invited to attend.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief the Group of African States *today*, 1 October 1997, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 21st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Qatar

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs, Labour and Immigration of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Belarus

Mali

Gabon

Zambia

Marshall Islands

Liberia

3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Iraq

Mozambique

Chad

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Côte d'Ivoire

Burundi

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	14th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	15th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal meeting to consider its programme of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The draft programme of work is available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170C).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 6 October 1997, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the approved programme contained in document A/C.4/52/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat (room S-3380, tel. 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

8 October 1997:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.1)

December 1997:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the high-level and coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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The Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will meet from 2 to 4 and on 6 October 1997 in Conference Room 5.

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, under the chairmanship of Dr. Mostafa Tolba, on Friday, 3 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Workshop on the art of public speaking and managing meetings (chairing and participating) for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held from Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October 1997.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 24 September 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

17th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam, H.E. The Honourable Ralph Maraj, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. The Honourable Rajkeswur Purryag, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Mauritius, H.E. The Honourable Kelebone Maope, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho, H.E. Mr. Kassymjomart Tokaev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, H.E. Ms. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein, and H.E. Mr. Abuzed Omar Dorda, Chairman of the Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

18th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Niger and for persons of Niger nationality living abroad, H.E. Mr. Alvaro Ramos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, H.E. Shaikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Alexander Arzoumanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, H.E. Mr. Abderrahim Zouari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia, H.E. Mr. Boris Shikhmuradov, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, and H.E. Mrs. Nadezhda Mihailova, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of Australia and Saint Lucia and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Ravjaa Mounkhou (Mongolia) and Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania) as its two Vice-Chairmen.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the post of Rapporteur.

Statements were made by representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Romania.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/52/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/52/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The Chairman drew attention to A/52/250 concerning the organization and rationalization of the work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Qatar, Algeria, Senegal and Ghana, as well as by the Secretary and Chairman of the Committee.

Following statements made on a point of order by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco, the Committee decided to approve, in principle, the suggestions contained in A/C.4/52/L.1.

As regards agenda item 85, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended working group, chaired this year by the delegation of India, to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Peaceful uses of outer space).

In accordance with the suggestions of the Chairman as contained in his note (A/C.4/52/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93 and to close the list of speakers on these items at 6 p.m., on Monday, 6 October.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items) 88, 89, 90 and 12, and 91

The Committee decided, without objection and in accordance with established practice, to consider chapter V of A/52/23 (Part III) in conjunction with agenda item 91 (Foreign economic interests).

Requests for hearing

The Chairman informed the Committee that there were 8 requests for hearings relating to Guam and Western Sahara, under agenda item 18, as well as communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar and the Governor of Guam.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria, as well as by the Chairman.

At the request of the representative of Morocco, the Deputy Secretary of the Committee read out the list of petitioners on the question of Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a document on the organization of its work (A/C.5/52/L.2) and on the status of documentation (A/C.5/52/L.1).

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement concerning the preparation of documentation under agenda items 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, in particular relating to General Assembly resolution 51/243).

Under agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999), the Chairman of the Committee brought the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 18 September 1997, addressed to him from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and to a related letter addressed to the Secretary-General issued in document A/52/379. Attention was also drawn to a report to be prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/218.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Algeria, Pakistan and Argentina.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented an oral report of that Committee (to be issued in document A/52/407).

The Officer-in-Charge of the Audit and Management Consulting Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman stated that responses to the questions raised would be provided at an appropriate time.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

410th and 411th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Uganda (CRC/C/3/Add.40).

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Czech Republic (CRC/C/11/Add.11).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Political Rights of Women, opened for signature at New York on 31 March 1953

Accession: Uzbekistan (29 September 1997)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993, concluded at Geneva on 16 July 1993

Extension of time-limit for signature and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 30 September 1998

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, adopted by the International Coffee Council on 30 March 1994

Extension of time-limit for ratification, acceptance or approval until 24 September 1998

Convention on Prohibitions of Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (and Protocols), concluded at Geneva on 10 October 1980

Accession: Uzbekistan (29 September 1997)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, adopted at the 8th plenary meeting of the States Parties on 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Uzbekistan (29 September 1997)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Ratification: South Africa (30 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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World Habitat Day 1997

World Habitat Day will be observed on Monday, 6 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The meeting will consist of two panels, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in collaboration with the Wellness Foundation, Columbia University, City College of New York, and Pratt Institute, on the theme "Future Cities". The main focus of the panel discussions is on the role of partnership in the struggle towards sustainable human settlements. This event also includes the presentation of a United Nations film entitled "A Cyber-tale of Three Cities", shown at the 1997 Venice Film Festival. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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